

## Women in the Economy Commission Meeting - Minutes

Tuesday April 4, 2017

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

House Room 25

**Commission:** Rep. Becky Edwards, Sen. Luz Escamilla, Judy Barnett, and Anne Burkholder

**Excused:** Rep. Rebeca Chavez- Houck, Sen. Deidre Henderson, Kathy Bounous, Melissa Freigang, Ann Marie Wallace, Karen Leonardi and Jennifer Robinson

**Staff Support:** Shelle Allinson

**Attendees:**

| AGENDA                 | DISCUSSION   | RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTION   |
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| Welcome                | Welcome (Rep. Edwards)   |  |
|                        | Minutes from the last meeting were approved.   | Motion to approve minutes from the last meeting.   |
| Status of Focus Groups | Anne Burkholder reported on the status of the focus groups. The Walmart request to fund the survey for \$50,000 has been denied. Commission needs to find support to fund a survey on women around the State. The survey will give the commission a better focus for changes and legislation needed to help women in the State of Utah.  | Sen. Escamilla made a motion for herself, Rep. Edwards and Rep. Chavez-Houck to meet with Zions Bank to see if they will fund the survey and then will meet with Legislators. Motion passed. |
| Legislative Review     | Bills that did not pass this session were discussed and Rep. Edwards will be meeting with the interim committee to discuss those the WIEC supports and wants passed. Sen. Escamilla presented her bills that passed Legislation this year. SB221 will be combined with work Sen. Anderegg is doing. The Executive Branch is willing to do the study on gender equality and wages in government. The fiscal note is \$26,000 and they are willing to put it in the current budget. Maternal bill will gather evidence on home based programs and her adoption revision bill was given \$45,000 for an infertility treatment study. Rep. Edwards discussed the child care bill which will help the |  |

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| Sub-committee Updates | <p>Commission determine what barriers exist for working women in obtaining child care.</p> <p>Sen. Escamilla discussed working with a policy committee to give us recommendations and keep us more actively involved. Judy Barnett would like to be part of the policy committee.</p> <p>Recommended that the Commission look for opportunities to present the findings from the Research Subcommittee on data from the focus groups.</p> | <p>Motion was made to task a public policy subcommittee to make recommendations of policy and bring to the Commission for a vote. Motion passed.</p> <p>Members should look for opportunities to attend and spread the word about the Commission, i.e. speaking engagements and conferences.</p> <p>Motion to keep the August Commission meeting on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion passed.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned.</p> |